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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM:  
LONDON BOMBING

1. On July 21, business and financial daily "Diario Financiero" (circ. 20,000) carried a column by international commentator Leonidas Irarrazaval entitled, "The Scourge of Terrorism." Quote:

2. "The terrorist attacks in London have once again disconcerted the world, bringing fear and incredulity.... What has the West done to create such hate and such a desire for revenge? The answer cannot lie only in Iraq. There is no question the reasons go back centuries, perhaps to the first crusade. But why now? Perhaps because we have looked down on those who are not Christians, especially in the Middle East, for far too long. It's now time to amend things and open up...to all peaceful religions and, in the case of Islam...keep all that is good in that great religion.... The task won't be easy and will depend on how we address it. Brute force will resolve nothing and the equivalent of adding more fuel to the fire."

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